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### ISF Student Named as 2002/3 National Merit Scholar

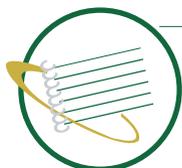
Andrew Jaegle, a Grade 12 student at *ISF Internationale Schule Frankfurt-Rhein-Main*, has been named as a 2002/03 National Merit Scholar. Scholars were chosen out of a field comprised of 1% of the nearly 2 million students sitting the PSAT (Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test). Mr. Jaegle has been offered full 4-year scholarships at the following US colleges/universities: Hope College, Drew University, Boston University and Texas A & M.

### Future School Openings

#### *Internationale Schule am Rhein in Neuss - ISR*



The SABIS® School Network welcomes a new addition to its member schools, *ISR, Internationale Schule am Rhein in Neuss*, Germany which will become the 26<sup>th</sup> member school. *ISR*, opening K-5 in its first year, will provide its students with a thorough and rigorous education through its implementation of the SABIS® Educational System, a well-structured educational system.



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*ISR* will offer its students a nurturing environment in an international setting with an international curriculum suited to the needs of the community in the Düsseldorf, Cologne and Neuss areas. SABIS®'s special teaching methods will be in place to ensure an optimum education geared towards filling learning gaps and building further knowledge.

The SABIS SLO™ will offer students the opportunity to become real-life models of commitment, integrity and accountability. It will work to improve students' communication and life skills.

*ISR* will add up a grade each year until it extends to become a K-12 school. Then, it will prepare its students for the challenges of a college education and will allow them to broaden the scope of opportunities in their lives.

## Future School Openings

### *The International School of Choueifat – Cairo Dreamland – City of 6 October Branch*



The construction of *ISC- Cairo Dreamland – City of 6 October Branch (ISC-Dreamland)*, opening in September of this year, is well underway and on schedule. This new member of the SABIS® School Network will cater to students from KG1 to Grade 8 in its initial year, on a site of 60,000 square meter. At least one grade level will be added each year, until 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are incorporated into the student population.

Following the campus design of its sister school, *ISC-Cairo, ISC-Dreamland* will offer a full range of facilities for the school's first intake of students. Phase I of this new-build project will be handed over in two stages: In May the administration building (home to the business office and the offices for admissions, Student Life and the computer department housing a library on two levels) and two teaching buildings with art and music rooms together with science and computer laboratories, was handed over by the contractors. Soon after that, the Sports Center (with its multi-purpose gym and Olympic-sized swimming pool) and a circular junior swimming pool building will be handed over to the school as will the outdoor sports facilities, playgrounds and a car track for infants.

The outdoor sporting facilities are comprised of a track, a football pitch, two tennis courts, two volleyball courts and a basketball-cum-handball court. By mid-June, the accommodation for the expatriate academic staff will be finished, ready for the arrival of the new teachers in August.

*ISC-Dreamland's* external color, coming from the perimeter trees, grassed areas flower beds and play equipment, will complement the colorfully-painted apartments and villas of our neighbors. The flowering trees along the boundary wall have already been planted and by the time this edition of the SABIS® Newsletter goes to press, the rest of the planting will have been done, making sure that by the time the school opens its doors in September, trees, shrubs and plants will all be fairly well rooted. This greenery will give shade, be restful to the eye, and soften the newness of the campus as well as give welcome splashes of color in this land of searing sun and sand.



"My son is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and I feel SABIS® offers a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment..."  
Parent of a SICSMA student

The Dreamland area - near the City of 6<sup>th</sup> October - is a rapidly developing community that boasts a golf course, a university and an innovative, modern council. Almost next door to the school is Dreamland Park, a popular and exciting theme park for children of all ages.

Phase II of the project will see three more teaching buildings and an 'auditorium' that will not only house the school theater (which will double as the exam hall) but will also have a spacious and light self-service cafeteria offering hot and cold lunches. Another residence for foreign staff will see the site completed. On completion of the work, *ISC-Dreamland* will be able to educate a student population that exceeds 2,000. When *ISC-Dreamland* is in 'full flight', it is possible that development of a Phase III may be considered on adjacent land.

ISC-Dreamland is set to do everything it can to contribute to and benefit this up and coming community. Its physical properties may not stand the test of time the way one of its other near neighbors - the pyramids of Giza - one of the wonders of the ancient and the modern worlds - has done, but it will live in the hearts and minds of its students and parents for many generations, if it is anything like its sister schools around the world.



## Next Issue



7th Directors Meeting

Commencement ceremonies

SABIS® Grads head to College

## ISC-Abu Dhabi *Football Games*



The *ISC-Abu Dhabi* Football team had a successful season holding a series of gripping games and capping it all off by winning their league. Games took place daily, during and after school hours. One thrilling game had the senior team down 0-3 in the first half. In the second half, however, the team regrouped, determined to win. Victory for *ISC-AD* was secured after scoring FIVE unanswered goals, ending the match with a score of (5-3)!!!

*Best of success for the rest of the year!*



*A scene from the games*



Few high school students can boast that they have shared the stage with Mickey Mouse as they danced and sang the theme song to "The Mickey Mouse Club". 51 students from the *International School of Minnesota's* High School Concert and Show Choir, "Universal Appeal", traveled to Orlando, Florida from April 25 through April 28, to compete in Florida's MusicFest Competition and perform at Walt Disney World.

The choirs sent audition tapes to Disney in November 2002 and anxiously awaited the results. Knowing the caliber and talent of these students, it should have come as no surprise that they were invited to perform in Florida. "Our students are wonderful representatives of *ISM* and we are so proud of their achievements" stated the head of music at *ISM*.

The weekend proved to be a marathon of music for the students and 11 *ISM* parent chaperones. On Friday evening, both choirs participated in the MusicFest Competition at which "Universal Appeal" and the Concert Choir received Superior and Excellent ratings, respectively.



After a day of singing and dancing on the Galaxy Stage in the Tomorrow Land area of the amusement park, the choirs were recognized for their stellar ratings at the MusicFest awards ceremony on Saturday night. The students returned to the Galaxy Stage for another performance on Sunday and then attended a "Disney Sings" workshop to learn various vocal techniques, auditioning skills, choreography, and stage presence. Highlights of the workshop included making a video for which the choir recorded the background vocals to a clip of the Disney movie "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". They then became Mickey Mouse's co-stars on stage while singing the theme song to "The Mickey Mouse Club."

The *ISM* Choirs have had an outstanding year culminating in a wonderful trip to Disney World. Upon their return to Minnesota, the Show Choir presented their Disney performance on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the school concert entitled "International House of Rock." Complete with a live rock band, they sang and danced to Rock This City, Soul Man, With One More Look, Trickle, Trickle, a Rock and Roll Medley, and Splish Splash (complete with a balloon drop which looked like they were dancing in bubbles). In addition to their MusicFest accomplishments, the Concert Choir received a Superior rating in the High School League Music Contest from the state of Minnesota earlier this spring.

For more information, please call *ISM* at (952) 918-1800.

### Upcoming Seventh Directors' Meeting in Helsinki, Finland

Time is getting closer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Directors' meeting that will take place in July of this year. SABIS® will host this event in the 'Land of the Midnight Sun', Helsinki, Finland. The week-long event will review network achievements, will aim to restate the future goals of SABIS®, and refine the methods of education.

Look for more details in the next issue.

## Feature School

### *The International Charter School of Schenectady – New York*



*The International Charter School of Schenectady, NY (ICSS)* is a tuition-free public school with a college-preparatory curriculum. The charter school opened in September 2002 to serve the NY community. Charter schools are funded with tax money but are privately run. *ICSS's* mission is to deliver an international-style curriculum to a diverse school population and equip them with essential skills and understanding to be able to cope with the challenges of the world. This year, the K-4 charter school also provides a structured peer tutoring environment with weekly progress tests.



## ICSS - New York

### *Student Life*



Though only in its first year, the SLO program at *ICSS* is full of vitality and rich in activity and growth. Since their induction into the SABIS SLO™, the 4th graders – the oldest in the school – have taken on leadership roles to serve their peers and helped organize a number of exciting events. The most significant one was the selection of the ‘school mascot.’ Lower grades selected several mascots and submitted their ballot choices: the eagle, the saber-toothed tiger, and the Jaguar. On Election Day, November 5th, the jaguar was voted in as the official *ICSS* mascot.

*ICSS* Prefects have been entrusted with a variety of other tasks and social events, such as assisting in Kindergarten rooms and greeting school guests in the morning. The school looks forward to the growth of this program and will implement the SABIS Student Life Organization™ program in full next year creating positive attitudes among students in order to ensure a disciplined environment that encourages positive behavior.

“ISM has made my college all the much easier and more fun. In my first year, my friends thought I was some kind of a Math whiz!” ISM Graduate



## ICSS - New York

### *Activities*



The Character Costume Parade that occurred last Halloween attracted lots of participants. Students wore their costumes to school and paraded around the school’s block marching in festive garments.

Other activities included an end-of-term fun fair which included a bake sale and a scholastic book fair as students let off some steam. This night was sponsored by the Parent Connection and included raffles, crafts, prizes, a cake sale, etc... 4<sup>th</sup> graders manned the games. Art and PE teachers constructed and painted some of the props. It was very successful.



The Radio Disney Party occurred the day before the Christmas break. Entertainers from the Radio Disney Station dressed up and led the entire student body in group dances (“YMCA”, “Who let the dogs out”), and games (“Hula Hoop Contest”). Parents were very delighted with the performance of their children.

Other highlights included the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration ceremony celebrated on January 17. A community pastor talked with the children in an assembly about King’s message of equity and freedom; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders performed a chorale reading about Kings’ messages and works; the night ended with everyone standing and singing the anthem “We shall overcome”.

“ISF has sent us the best prepared student applying for Medicine who has EVER come from Germany”  
University Admissions Office, Joong Ang University, Korea



## ICSS - New York

### Academics



SABIS® maintains an excellent reputation for delivering academic results which will enhance the school’s chances of recruiting and hiring experienced staff.

As part of its successful educational program, SABIS® excels in utilizing external as well as internal measurements that ensure student accountability for overall school performance through its SABIS Academic Monitoring System (SABIS AMS™). The SABIS AMS™ continuously monitors students to identify existing learning gaps and provide immediate and intensive attention to fill gaps that exist. Tests are administered weekly to determine whether students are learning the essential concepts of basic knowledge. Results from these diagnostic tests allow the school’s administration to develop an intensive program to intervene in the areas where students show learning gaps. The tests administered are in accordance with state guidelines for each grade level tested.



In the enrollment lottery held in March, the school had no more available places for next fall and waiting lists were already filled with names of students eager to enroll. “We’re very happy to see the confidence this shows in our school,” said Lilian Turner, director of the charter school. “We want a school that is recognized as providing an excellent education, and this is that recognition.” While SABIS® is responsible for the day-to-day school management, parents’ involvement in the school community is high, showing that education is a top priority for their children. This clearly shows that parents are fully satisfied with the school’s educational program and the academic performance of their children.

One recent newspaper article stated that “...of 265 students enrolled this year, 256 will return to the charter school next year, a 97% retention rate...There were as many as 111 spaces for Kindergarten children and as few as six in the fourth grade”. The school will enroll 425 students next year and will also expand to offer the fifth grade. With this expansion in mind, *ICSS* will have room for 169 new students. One grade will be added each year until the school becomes a K-12 school.

At *ICSS*, the curriculum allows learning to be fun for the students; this generates enthusiasm and creates a positive learning environment.

The school will seek to produce world-class citizens with a desire for life-long learning. It will prepare its students for success in college and beyond based on the SABIS® Educational System, a proven college-preparatory program aligned with the state and ensuring instructors to teach essential skills required for academic success. This educational system is based on research of over 117 years and has proven tremendous results in the 7 charter schools operated in 6 states in the USA.

## Graduate in the Spotlight

*Hanh Chu*



Hanh Chu is a student who will be missed after graduation from the *SABIS® International Charter School, Springfield* this May. Not only is she graduating as one of the top in her class, but in September she will be attending Smith College, a top women's college in Northampton, Massachusetts, on a full-tuition scholarship. The faculty always looked forward to having Ms.Chu in their classes because of her inquisitive nature and insightful contributions. "Her demeanor is kind; her mind is sharp; and her concern for others is inspiring. She is one of our most reliable and hardworking students the school has and someone the administration feels epitomizes the SABIS® philosophy", one of her colleagues stated.



Ms. Chu's extracurricular activities are numerous. She served as the Deputy Head Prefect for Academics within the SABIS Student Life Organization™ for the past two years, and also was the Senior Prefect for Academics for one year. In both positions, her primary responsibility was to set up and oversee the peer-tutoring program at the school. She also ran such programs as spelling bees for the lower school and Jeopardy Tournaments for the Upper School. She also actively participated in the Debate Club, Model Congress Team, and Mock Trial Team throughout her high school career.

Her devotion to her community outside of school has matched her devotion to the SABIS® community. She served as a peer leader for the Anti-tobacco Coalition with the Spanish American Union, was a youth leader for the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Society, and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross Blood Drive Services.

Ms. Chu is interested in studying Environmental Science, even though she is undecided about where this field may take her. "I am happy to graduate from SABIS®, head off to college next year and very pleased with the education I have gotten at *SICSM*. I will miss u." We'll just have to see about that!

## The Second Regional Choueifat Tournament – Amman

*May 2003*



Under the auspices of His Excellency Dr. Khaled Toukan, Minister of Education, the *International School of Choueifat - Amman* recently hosted the second Regional Sports Tournament on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2003. The event succeeded in bringing together a large number of participants from the different SABIS® schools in the region in a friendly, yet competitive environment. Students from five different SABIS® schools along with students from four local schools in Jordan all came together to compete in basketball, football, swimming and sprint. The age group of the students involved in the tournament ranged from under 10 to 16.

In his opening speech, his Excellency Dr. Khaled Toukan expressed his admiration for the school by speaking highly of the SABIS® system of education and its rigorous foundations of discipline, as he believes that this school's philosophy and educational system positively impacts the upbringing of the children.



*His Excellence Dr Khaled Toukan and VP of Operation and Development Mr. Victor Saad among the basketball team players before the start of the game*



*The minister "kicking-off the first basketball game between ISC- Amman and ISC Damascus*

Students from the various SABIS® schools returned home with a combination of gold, silver and bronze medals in sprint, football, basketball and swimming.



*A gathering of the winners with their shiny medals*

Next year's Regional Tournament will hopefully include even more participating countries and an even wider range of activities. *U.A.E, Qatar, Muscat, and KAIS* schools plan to take part in next year's event, alongside Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Cairo's.

SABIS® is an educational organization that manages K-12 co-educational schools worldwide. Today, the network comprises 27 schools spanning across 4 continents. Since the first school was founded in 1886, thousands of graduates have joined top universities in North America, Europe, Australia & the Middle East.



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